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Good morning,

The situation downtown remains fluid. There were flare ups of disorderly behaviour overnight, to which the police responded promptly. There was some threatening behaviour towards City staff, as well as minor damage to a City vehicle. Police addressed the situations and provided on-going protection for staff on-site. There are plans in place today to enhance safety for all staff working in the core - Ottawa Police will escort all responders, including first responders, roads operators, and heavy equipment operators (among others), who need to access to the inner perimeter. The safety and security of all City staff is paramount. Support is being coordinated through our representative in the NCRCC.

This morning, an additional 20 trucks arrived in the downtown core. They were positioned in the staging area without major impact and the size of the perimeter has not changed. There is information to suggest another contingency may be arriving from the west, but details on the arrival time and size of the convoy remain scarce.

The scheduled events today also remain largely unconfirmed. There is suggestion that a prayer service will commence at 11:00 hrs, and possibly an address by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at 12:00 hrs on Parliament Hill.

The impact to residents of the area remain high. There are numerous noise complaints related to the constant use of horns and airhorns from the vehicles parked and staged both downtown and along the parkways. In addition, there have been inquiries related to the potential air pollution impact of idling vehicles. Please note that the Police and City staff are doing everything they can to mitigate resident concerns while ensuring that City actions do not incite riots. The objective is to maintain public safety. The Rideau Centre will remain closed today. Transit detours remain in effect and are kept up to date on the [OC Transpo website](http://OCTranspo.ca).
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Planning for protest de-mobilization remains challenging. While most protesters are expected to leave after today's rally, some may stay on. And, as noted yesterday, it will take a significant amount of time to clear the parked cars and gridlock in the downtown core. For this reason, City Hall will remain closed to the public until at least Tuesday, February 1. Staff will have swipe card access to the building through the Laurier, Lisgar and east entrances. In addition, the City Hall parking garage will remain closed to both the public and to staff (including to parking pass holders). This will be communicated to staff today; signage is already on-site.

CSSD has decided to close St. Luke's and Pinocchio Municipal Child Care Centres tomorrow, and will continue to assess for Tuesday. The EOC is communicating to external partners that Monday will not be a regular day in the downtown core as a result of the continued traffic congestion, as well as the unknown duration of the protests.

The EOC has asked all Service Area Duty Officers to assess service and staffing impacts for the start of the week and to put in place contingencies. We will update as the Service areas share their service-related information with the EOC, as well as any intelligence that suggests the impacts to the downtown core could extend longer.

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